

REPUBLICANS IN REFORM FOLD

Nearly All Progressive Demands Conceded by National Committee.

LESS POWER FOR SOUTH

Plan for Special Convention Lost by Vote of 35 to 14.

RECOGNIZE PRIMARY LAWS

Enemies Shake Hands and Old Wounds Are Healed at the Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—By a unanimous vote the Republican National Committee adopted to-day a resolution pledging the committee to carry out reforms in party procedure and management of its own motion, instead of submitting the reformatory measures to a special convention for ratification, as proposed by certain progressive leaders.

Repeated references were made by speakers at the committee meeting to business depression under the Democratic Administration. Smokeless chimneys, dinnerless halls and crowded soup houses were predicted by most of the speakers.

In fact the argument that the Democratic Administration would solidify the Republican strength without the necessity of a special convention was one of the arguments that blocked the proposal for the national party gathering.

The special convention proposition, presented in accordance with resolutions introduced at a Progressive conference in Chicago some months ago, was defeated by a vote of 35 to 14.

It is the belief of both the so-called regular and progressive leaders that the day's work of the committee amounts to a revolutionary change in the organization of the Republican party and that it will go a long way toward restoring the harmonious relations that took wings in the convention of 1912.

Such conservatives as William Barnes, Jr., of New York and James E. Watson of Indiana, who were the "steam roller men" in the Taft convention, and ex-Gov. Hadley of Missouri and Senator Borah of Idaho, who were crushed by the steam roller on that memorable occasion, expressed satisfaction with to-day's work.

Progressive Reforms Conceded.
The resolution adopted practically concedes all the reforms in party procedure demanded by the Progressives. It pledges the party to adopt a unit of representation in national conventions that will minimize the influence of the Southern States. It recognizes the primary laws of the various States and concedes to every State the right to choose delegates as it may elect.

It deprives the National Committee of the power of making up the temporary rolls of conventions, a power that has stirred up scandals in the party in the past and that led to the Roosevelt bolt of 1912. This change, however, affects only such delegates as may be named in primaries.

Only one change demanded by the Progressives was ignored. That was their proposal that members of the National Committee shall be elected immediately before instead of after conventions.

While the authority of the National Committee to make the changes embodied in the resolution adopted to-day has been questioned, no one believes the work will be challenged by the convention of 1916. It was expected that by that time the reforms will be ratified by the various State organizations.

Working Committee Appointed.
Immediately upon the adoption of the resolution the committee appointed a sub-committee to work out details of a plan under which the States shall get representation in proportion to the Republican vote cast in 1908.

Every section is represented on this sub-committee, which will make its report to the full committee to-morrow. The committee is composed of National Committeemen Barnes of New York, Eastabrook of New Hampshire, Senator Borah, Senator Smoot, ex-Gov. Hadley, National Committeemen Sanders of Tennessee, Howell of Nebraska, Remell of Arkansas, Warren of Michigan and Chairman Hillis.

To-day's gathering of Republicans in the room set aside for the committee meeting in the New Willard was representative of the party in every way. Nearly all of the men who fought with such bitterness on opposing sides in the convention of 1912 were present.

Ex-Gov. Hadley, the Roosevelt floor leader at Chicago, and Jim Watson of Indiana, who performed a similar office for the Taft forces, exchanged compliments and expressed the hope that the party would prosper in the future.

Senator Borah, who sat up on the hot nights that marked the Chicago convention of 1912 hating William Barnes, passed verbal bouquets at the New York leader. Ex-Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts whispered his way around the committee room, sparing neither Progressive nor regular.

Twelve months ago Chairman Hillis regarded Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa as one of the arch enemies of the republic. Mr. Hillis smiled and cordially grasped Mr. Cummins by the hand to-day as the Iowa Senator ascended the platform to speak. Mr. Eastabrook of New Hampshire, who predicted the reelection of President Taft on the eve of the "big wind," shook hands with all comers.

Every body tried hard to harmonize and

TEAM RUNS AWAY IN 5TH AVE.

One Horse Killed in Crash Into Cathedral Palace Fence.

A warning shout and the clatter of swift hoofs opened a swath in the stream of afternoon traffic in Fifth avenue yesterday. Drivers turned the heads of their horses quickly to the curb. Automobiles swung closely behind each other on either side.

Down the middle of the broad thoroughfare came a blooded team, their heads thrust forward, every muscle strained. On the driver's seat of the victoria behind them a man tugged with all his strength at the reins.

Michael Campbell, coachman for Warren Delano, a coal merchant, whose home is at 39 East Thirty-sixth street, couldn't quite explain it afterward. He knew that at Fifty-fourth street he felt a sudden pull on the reins. The next moment his horses were dashing away, with the bits in their teeth.

Leaning far forward he got a grip and pulled hard. One of the reins snapped. The horses careened eastward into Fifth street. Before they could get their pace again the victoria had struck and ripped out a piece of the railing in front of the home of John Fox, at 10 East Fifty-fifth street. The whiffles broke at the same moment and the frightened animals hurled themselves forward again.

By this time men were running along the sidewalks and several automobiles had taken up the pursuit. Suddenly the victoria lurched to one side. Campbell pitched forward from his seat. He fell between the horses, struck the pavement hard, but was on his feet in a moment, unhurt.

The horses turned north when they reached Madison avenue, running madly from side to side. A block further on they ran straight into the railing about the cathedral grounds at the northwest corner of Madison avenue and Fifty-first street.

Then one splendid animal reared high and fell dead. A palling had pierced its breast. The other was quickly surrounded and quieted. He was unhurt. Campbell said the horses were of fine Kentucky breed and that the team was worth \$1,800.

38 RANCHERS KILLED IN COLORADO MINE

Men Who Volunteered to Work During Coal Strike Die in Explosion.

NEWCASTLE, Col., Dec. 16.—Thirty-eight men, all Americans and a majority of them sons of wealthy ranchmen, lost their lives to-day in an explosion in the Vulcan mine, a mile and a half from here.

The victims were cattlemen who had gone into the mine as laborers when the strike in the southern Colorado field was called about two months ago. These young men volunteered so that the people of the State might not suffer for lack of fuel.

The Vulcan mine, now owned by the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company, has always been known to be gaseous and dangerous. The cattlemen knew when they engaged in the work that their lives might be in peril.

This is the second great disaster in the Vulcan mine. Sixty men were killed there on February 15, 1906. The explosion at that time was similar to the one that claimed thirty-eight lives to-day.

The volatile, deathbreathing dust that is the terror of all coal miners, was the cause of the disaster.

Of the forty men composing the day shift at work only two, W. J. Finley and John Dawson, escaped. All the victims were at work in the lower level, where the explosion occurred. The two survivors worked in the upper level, in which an air passage prevented the collecting of the deadly dust particles.

J. W. Cummins, district manager of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company, definitely announced a dust explosion as the cause of the disaster. He said the explosion occurred at 10:20 in room 13 of the lower level and extended all the way through to room 37. The force of the blast shook the whole mountain and rocked the buildings on the mine tipple.

The work of taking out the bodies commenced shortly after noon. They were difficult to identify, but they were gradually checked off from the time card.

A snowstorm added to the difficulties of the rescuers and to the confusion of the scene at the mouth of the mine.

RECTOR URGES SEX HYGIENE.

Advocates Teaching of Topic to Episcopal Children.

The Rev. Augustine Elmendorf, rector of Holy Cross Protestant Episcopal Church, Jersey City, and secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Newark Diocese, addressed a letter to each rector in the diocese yesterday urging the teaching of sex hygiene.

In the communication the Rev. Mr. Elmendorf said that the Episcopal Church has avoided the question of sex hygiene and that the time has come when the subject must be taught to the children of the different parishes.

He said that the duty of instruction lay first with the fathers and mothers and that during the preparation for confirmation of young people was a good time to discuss the subject with the children.

He closed his letter with the following: "One rector in the diocese wishes especially to urge, on the ground of long personal experience, the very great helpfulness of the practice of confession."

BAVARIA TO ISSUE BIG LOAN.

Bonds to Amount of \$20,000,000 to Be Offered.

MUNICH, Dec. 16.—Bavaria has arranged for the issue of a loan of \$20,000,000. The bonds will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent.

VOGT SHOT IN ARREST, ADMITS GUTH MURDER

Wounded in Bellevue. He Confesses Stabbing and Robbing Milliner.

DRAWN RAZOR ON CAPTOR

Detective Fires When Attacked—Bullet Hits Passerby.

Oscar Vogt, for whom the police have been searching since the murder of Mrs. Agnes Guth in her apartment on December 3, was arrested last night on Thirtieth street near Twenty-third street after a fierce struggle. Vogt attempted to use a razor until he was shot in the head by Detective Connolly. Vogt was locked up in Bellevue on a charge of homicide.

Lieut. Haupt and Assistant District Attorney Breckenridge of the homicide bureau of the District Attorney's office visited Vogt in the prisoners' ward at Bellevue Hospital last night and afterward announced that he had made a detailed confession of the murder. The motive for the crime, according to them, was Mrs. Guth's refusal to give money to Vogt, who was unemployed at the time.

Vogt said that on the day of the murder he insisted that Mrs. Guth lend him money to get a job. When she refused and threatened to call the police he took a kitchen knife from the top of the piano, where he had already concealed it, and stabbed her once in the chest and twice in the back before she fell to the floor.

He placed her body on the bed and was about to cut his own throat, he said, when the doorbell rang and the hired girl came in. He washed his hands before admitting her and then the two set about preparing dinner. The girl stepped out of the room long enough to enable him to take \$75 in cash and a check for \$14 from the dead woman, when he left the house and went to a delicatessen store on Amsterdam avenue, where the check was cashed.

He then went to Twenty-eighth street and Lexington avenue, where he drank with friends, and later went to Hoboken. He came back to New York the following day, he said, and rented a furnished room at 416 Third avenue.

In the battle in which Vogt was captured Connolly fired two shots, one of which was deflected from the sidewalk and passed through the thigh of George Palmer of 208 East Twenty-first street, who was passing at the time. Palmer was not badly hurt.

Connolly has been on Vogt's trail ever since Mrs. Guth, who ran a millinery shop under the name of Mile Agnes, was found in the bedroom of her son, August, stabbed in the side. Seventy-five dollars in bills and a check for \$14 which she had in her stocking were missing. The check was cashed later by a man who was identified from a photograph as Vogt.

The detective learned that Vogt had a wife, Therese, who worked in Harlem as a cook and lived at 294 West Twenty-fourth street. Every night Connolly has been following Mrs. Vogt home in the hope that her husband would go to her for assistance.

She had hardly reached the sidewalk last night when Vogt stepped up to her, Connolly tapped Vogt on the shoulder. He jumped back, drew a razor and started for Connolly. With a swing of his fist Connolly sent the weapon flying, but Vogt recovered it.

Waving the razor, Vogt sprang for Connolly again as the detective fired the shot toward the ground that he hoped would frighten Vogt. The next shot Connolly fired just as Vogt was upon him, and the man crumpled up with a deep furrow along his right temple. The physicians at Bellevue do not think Vogt will die.

BARS HAWTHORNE'S STORY.

Atlanta Warden Won't Let Writings Be Taken Into Prison.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 16.—Warden William H. Meyer has issued an order barring from the Atlanta Federal prison all writings by Julian Hawthorne.

When Hawthorne was released he made statements reflecting on the management of the prison. He alleged that the convicts were insufficiently fed and many were tortured for trivial offenses and their health ruined. It is supposed that Hawthorne's attacks on the prison management led to the order barring articles written by him.

The order is a great disappointment to the 800 convicts, who were eager to read Hawthorne's story of his life in the Atlanta prison, which is appearing in *The Sun* on Sundays.

John C. Roberts, who was released from the prison this morning after serving five years, at once went before United States District Attorney Hooper Alexander and related a story of alleged abuses in the prison, supporting Hawthorne's charges.

Roberts alleges that the convicts are starved and frequently chained in the "black hole." He says he is going to Washington to demand a Congressional investigation of the prison.

EX-SHERIFF NOW A CONVICT.

Zeller Begins Term for Padding Payroll of Hudson County.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 16.—Former Sheriff John Zeller of Hudson county became an inmate of the State prison here to-day to serve a term of one from to three years. He was sentenced for padding the county payroll.

Zeller carried his case to the United States Supreme Court and was beaten at every turn. His contention was that his indictment was illegal, as it was found by an elisor drawn Grand Jury.

Zeller was 58 years old yesterday.

BABOON A COCAINE FIEND.

Got Habit From His Owner, a Paris Actress.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Dec. 16.—Dr. Briand exhibited before the chief alienists and specialists of Paris to-day a Japanese baboon called Tobie, which is a cocaine fiend and is a patient at Saint Anne asylum.

Tobie arrived at the hospital at the same time as his owner, who is a noted actress on the Paris stage and is also a victim of the drug habit. She begged to be allowed to keep her pet at the hospital with her and the request was granted.

When the actress was almost cured she informed Dr. Briand that Tobie had also been a victim of the habit for the previous five months. He formed the habit solely by imitation, neither his mistress nor any of her friends having induced him to use the drug.

The baboon had become very expert in searching pockets and handbags for cocaine. He never absorbs more than enough to give him joyful feelings. He shows similar effects from the drug as human beings and is receiving the same treatment in the hospital as his mistress got. The treatment has now reached the stage where a harmless powder is substituted for cocaine and this satisfies him.

BULLET STRIKES GIRL NEAR HEART IN STREET

Didn't Know It for Hours—Police Unable to Clear Mystery.

Alfonso Romayo, 16 years old, was on her way home at 6 o'clock last night, when at Sixteenth street and Second avenue she jumped and exclaimed to her friend Margherita Garabese:

"Oh, I have a pain in my heart!"

She put her hand to the spot and talked about it. Margherita said it would soon go away, and the two girls went to their home, 332 East Sixteenth street.

That pain in the heart was a large-sized bullet which came through all the hurrying groups of the homegoing work, girls and men and struck her just a half inch above her heart.

Where it came from neither Alfonso nor Margherita knew last night. Both declared that there had been no pistol report, no flash of a gun, no trouble of any kind ahead of them.

Before Alfonso reached the hospital last night three hours and a half had intervened and it was at least an hour after she had been wounded at all.

The girl went to her home, she told the surgeons, before she collapsed, and as the pain continued she went around to Dr. R. Maglione, the family physician, 217 Second avenue, at 7 o'clock to get something to relieve the pain.

The physician discovered the wound, which had not bled externally. He commanded the girl to see a surgeon at once.

She was just able to tell the hospital surgeons all about it when she fainted.

Detective Schmidt, who was sent to investigate the case, reported later that no other person around the corner had heard the report of a pistol.

The surgeons were not able to extract the bullet last night. It will be a very delicate operation, as it lies just above the heart sac.

HOMESICK, LEAPS FROM BRIDGE.

Girl Found Near Williamsburg Trestle; Fell 80 Feet.

A man going home from work last night saw huddled in the darkness of the park under the Brooklyn end of the Williamsburg Bridge the figure of a young girl. She was unconscious. He helped to carry her into a saloon. From there she was taken to the Williamsburg Hospital. Her skull and legs were fractured.

During a few lucid moments she gave the name of Sadie Gordon, 26 years old, of 322 Myrtle avenue, Williamsburg. Detectives who went there decided from what they learned from the girl's sister, Mrs. Beckie Goldman, that she had jumped from the bridge because she was homesick. The fall was about eighty feet.

She came here from Russia three years ago and lived with her sister. She had been melancholy recently and yesterday stayed home from work because she was ill. She left her home at 6 o'clock, saying she was going for a walk.

RUSSELL COLT'S AUTO HITS BOY.

Victim's Ribs Broken, but Chauffeur Is Not Arrested.

An automobile owned by Russell G. Colt, Ethel Barrymore's husband, and driven by Mr. Colt's chauffeur, David Britt, struck and knocked down Joseph Ross, 12 years old, of 439 East Thirtieth street, yesterday evening at First avenue and Thirty-eighth street.

Two of the boy's ribs were broken and he was taken to Bellevue Hospital. Policeman Wangerman witnessed the accident, but did not arrest the chauffeur. Britt was alone in the machine.

WHITMAN MAY NAME NEW HEAD OF POLICE

Mitchel Said to Be Seeking His Counsel Before Making Choice.

WILL NOT BE WALDO

Dr. John S. Billings, Friend of Wilson, Mentioned for Health Post.

Of all the thorns now irritating John Purroy Mitchel the most troublesome one is the Police Commissionership. Mr. Mitchel's friends are willing enough to help him make up his mind. His office is crowded every day with volunteers and friends of volunteers. But he is about as far from a choice as he was the day after election.

As a matter of fact Mr. Mitchel is perfectly willing to accept advice. He knows that the Police Commissionership is the most dangerous job in the city service, not only for the Police Commissioner himself but for the credit of the Mitchel administration.

The upshot of all proceedings to date appears to be that Mr. Mitchel will not make his selection until he has consulted the leaders of all the parties and factions which were elements of the fusion.

He is aware that he cannot satisfy all, but on the other hand he would be glad to have his political advisers, especially those who will share the work of the administration, take some responsibility for the choice of a Commissioner.

Mr. Mitchel expects to have a conference next week with certain men whose approval and assistance he wants in police administration. One of the men whose help he wants is picking a Police Commissioner is said to be Charles S. Whitman.

Mr. Mitchel has said in his public speeches since he returned from Panama that he wants the help of the District Attorney in the conduct of the Police Department. As a preliminary he wants Mr. Whitman to stamp with his approval the name of the new Commissioner.

There was no doubt yesterday that if Mr. Whitman will consent to advise Mr. Mitchel he will have much to say in the choice of the new head of the Police Department.

Police Commissioner Waldo's friends are working for his reappointment. They have put what pressure they can upon the new administration through letters and personal interviews. But if Mr. Whitman undertakes to advise Mr. Mitchel and if Mr. Mitchel feels that Mr. Whitman's approval is essential to a proper administration there is little doubt that Mr. Waldo will not be reappointed.

Mr. Mitchel was silent yesterday when asked about his plans, aside from saying that he must keep them secret until the last minute. He would not say what grounds he has for hoping that Robert Adamson will help him in the city government, as he said at the Adamson dinner Monday night. It was said yesterday that Mr. Adamson cannot afford to make a city office again, unless it is one like that of City Chamberlain, which pays \$12,000 a year. He feels that most of the Commissionerships would not repay him for refusing one of a number of business opportunities now open to him.

It was suggested yesterday that Dr. John S. Billings, head of the department of infectious diseases in the Health Department, may be made Health Commissioner. Dr. Billings is a friend of President Wilson and it is understood that he has the backing of the President.

FIRE; BUT OPERATION GOES ON.

Surgeons Ply Knife While Others Fight Hospital Blaze.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 16.—While a man was being operated on in the Homeopathic Hospital of Essex county to-night a can of ether near by caught fire and a pillar of blue flame licked the ceiling.

A surgeon dashed down stairs and turned in an alarm. Another ran to a telephone and sent an ambulance call to the City Hospital. Meantime the operating surgeon, with two assistants at hand, continued to use his knife.

When the fire department arrived the men were met at the door and told that the blaze had been extinguished. Deputy Chief McDermott inspected the operating room, found the surgeons still at work, the patient unconscious, and but slight evidence of a fire.

At the hospital all information regarding the surgeons and the patient's name was refused. Dr. Charles A. Groves, chief of the medical staff, said later that the operation had been successful and that the patient was again conscious though he didn't know yet that his life had been in jeopardy from fire as well as from the knife.

FARMERS COMMEND ELLIOTT.

Connecticut Agricultural Meeting Praises New Haven Head.

HARTFORD, Dec. 16.—At the open meeting of the State Board of Agriculture here to-day after an address by Gov. Baldwin, resolutions were adopted in which Connecticut farmers went on record as praising the administration to date of Howard Elliott, chairman of the New Haven board of directors, and expressing confidence in the new policy of the road.

The action followed spirited discussion of the alleged persecution of the road by the Federal Government. One speaker said that Chairman Elliott seemed to be against the development of the parcel post, the greatest modern boon to farmers, whereupon several men jumped up to explain that the New Haven road simply wanted proper compensation for hauling the first class mails and the parcel post.

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J. G. BENNETT'S CASHIER SOUGHT

Paris "Herald" Employee and \$21,000 Are Missing.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Dec. 16.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Ernest Laporte, cashier of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, who is charged with the embezzlement of \$24,000.

Laporte left a letter for James Gordon Bennett saying he was a partner in a prosperous Oriental pearl business in America. Some time ago he wished to extend this business and took \$20,000 of the Herald's money, which he sent to his partner, and the latter disappeared. Laporte says he did not want the business to collapse so he took \$4,000 more and started for America.

In his note Laporte says he hopes to repay the money with interest in a short time.

WARNER MILLER LOST ALL.

Referee's Report Shows Results of His Speculation.

Warner Miller, who succeeded Roscoe Conkling as United States Senator from New York, and who lost a fortune in mining and rubber promotions before he made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors in 1908, had approved claims of \$192,137 and assets of only \$23,696.

This fact became known yesterday when Supreme Court Justice Cohan approved the report of Lytle Fox, the referee who took testimony on the accounting of Ernest L. Conant, the assignee, who has had charge of ex-Senator Miller's affairs for five years.

HALTS BURIAL TO WHIP DRIVER.

Undertaker Threshes Man Whose Truck Obstructed Street.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—C. Welsh, an Oakland undertaker, held up for a half hour a funeral of which he had charge to-day while he soundly thrashed an auto truck driver who obstructed the street and refused to budge when politely asked to do so.

The funeral procession was going along Telegraph avenue when it was stopped by a large truck stopping squarely across the avenue. Welsh requested the driver to move his truck, but was met with a surly refusal. Welsh then took off his white gloves and black frock coat and in a few minutes thoroughly whipped the driver. Then he removed the truck and the funeral went on, all the mourners having witnessed the fight. The driver had Welsh arrested for battery later.

CANAL OFFICIAL ACCUSED.

Charges of Grafting Said to Have Been Made Against John Burke.

A despatch from Washington to the New York Times this morning says that John Burke, manager of the Canal commissary department, with headquarters at Cristobal, Colon, is under investigation on charges of grafting from contractors from whom he buys supplies and enriching himself by means of commissions exacted from them.

The War Department and the Isthmian Commission have not finished their inquiry into the accusations that Burke, on a salary of \$4,500 a year, has deposited in several cities in the last two or three years from \$50,000 to \$60,000 and that the value of the property he has bought is from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

The despatch says that Washington officials believe that if Mr. Burke is guilty neither the Government nor the Panama railroad it owns has lost anything, but that the burden has fallen entirely on the contractors.

Burke makes purchases only for the Panama Railroad and these do not include machinery or materials for construction, which are purchased through the Washington office of the Commission under the charge of Major P. C. Boggs, general purchasing officer and chief of the office. Major Boggs, however, purchases no commissary supplies for the railroad, which are handled by Mr. Burke and by the railroad office in New York.

Secretary Garrison admitted that Burke's conduct was being investigated. Burke is in the United States at the present time.

NEGUS DIES HIS YEARLY DEATH.

Annual Report of Abyssinian Monarch's End Is Out.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 17.—According to a despatch from Djibouti to the Daily Mail, Negus Menelik of Abyssinia is dead.

This announcement of the death of Menelik is made about once every year.

MINING STOCK GOES FOR A SONG.

Securities of Roseville Trust Company Treasurer Sold at Auction.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 16.—Mining stock belonging to Raymond E. Smith, secretary and treasurer of the wrecked Roseville Trust Company, having a par value of \$5